

MR. BLOUNT: Yes, and the following are the committee assignments: Rights and Preamble, James Baldwin; Judiciary, William Blount; Legislative, James Terrell; Executive, Sandra Johnson; Finance and Tax, David Barnes. The second group: Education, James Baldwin; Local Government, William Blount; Health, Housing, et cetera, James Terrell; Economic Development, David Barnes; Suffrage, et cetera, Sandra Johnson.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay. Ward 8?

MR. JORDAN: Yes, Mr. President. I rise to speak for those of us who live east of the river in that part of the city blessed by the Lord, who believe in and support the principles of collective leadership.

MR. BARNES: Amen, Brother.

MR. JORDAN: For the Preamble and Rights Committee, we have --

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Let me ask the same question. Have the five of you come to an agreement?

MR. JORDAN: Mr. President, I just said we believe in collective leadership, and I think that our ward is a demonstrated example of unity and working together.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I appreciate the implication. The Chair wanted specificity. Thank you.

MR. JORDAN: Well, I thought I was specific when I said collective leadership.

For Preamble and Bill of Rights, Jordan; for the Judiciary, Paramore; for Legislative, Jones; for Executive, Lockridge; and for Finance and Taxation, the Right Reverend James E. Coates.

MR. COATES: Blessed by the Lord.

(Laughter.)

MR. JORDAN: For Local Government, Jordan; for Education, Lockridge; for Health, Paramore; for Economic Development, Coates; and for Suffrage, Jones.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay. Ward 9, the at-large delegates; who speaks for that ward?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I say, delegate Simmons, do you speak for Ward 9?

MS. SIMMONS: No. Our chair is --

MS. H. MASON: I'm not.

MR. KAMENY: Well, one of you get up.

MS. SIMMONS: For Preamble and Rights, Jerry Moore; Judiciary, Dave Clark; Legislative, Hilda Mason; Executive, Barbara Lett Simmons; Finance and Taxation, Charles Cassell; Local Government, Intergovernmental Relations, et cetera,

Dave Clark; Education, Barbara Lett Simmons; Health, Housing and Social Services, Charles Cassell; Economic Development, Hilda Mason; Suffrage, Apportionment, Referendum, et cetera, Jerry Moore.

Now, I might say that we haven't been able to run down Reverend Moore, so while everyone has indicated their satisfaction and preferences, I cannot say that is true for Reverend Moore. Ms. Mason is going to try to catch up with him, and I guess she may have to go to church tomorrow to find him because we don't find him here. So, this is not a good place to try to catch him.

(Laughter.)

MS. SIMMONS: All of us believe that every member ought to get one of their two preferences; out of the two committees, one of them ought to be one that you really want. So, if Jerry Moore has a preference of Legislative, which we thought he might since he is a legislator, Ms. Mason said she would be very happy to have Preamble and Rights and switch with him.

So, there is some accommodation, but that's the only fluidity in the report that I've just given you.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: All right, thank you very much.

I would like, by the end of our next meeting, which

is Tuesday of next week -- our vote was that our committees meet on Tuesday and Thursday and that our next plenary session will be next Saturday. I would like, as a matter of the first business of that meeting, to announce not only the composition of these committees, but the chairpersons that you will have selected by then.

MR. KAMENY: You're referring to the Saturday meeting?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Yes, which is the next time we meet in plenary session.

MS. SIMMONS: That will be the 12:00 to 5:00 meeting, Saturday, the 27th?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Yes, that is what we voted on.

MS. SIMMONS: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Simmons?

MS. SIMMONS: I just share a point of information that if space on Saturday should be a problem in the future, we have adequate facilities to accommodate 45 comfortably at the Board of Education, and I would just want you to know that those facilities also are available.

(Pause.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: We're on item number 8, appointment of the following ad hoc committees. Before we do

that, let me refer to that portion of the rules which indicates that the President shall delegate responsibilities to the First and Second Vice Presidents regarding the five committees that they coordinate, to be accepted by the convention.

Each of you should have a sheet which shows those committees to be coordinated by the First Vice President and by the Second Vice President, and let me read those off. The First Vice President will be responsible for the coordination of Preamble and Rights; Judiciary; Tax and Finance; Health, Housing and Social Services; and the last one would be Suffrage, Apportionment, Initiative, Referendum and Recall, Amendments and Revisions.

The Second Vice President is proposed by the President to coordinate Executive; Legislative; Economic Development; Local Government, Intergovernmental Relations and Transition; and Education.

The rules indicate that this must be approved by the convention.

MS. SIMMONS: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Simmons?

MS. SIMMONS: I would like to move that the committees to be coordinated by the First and Second Vice Presidents, as read by the President, be ratified by this body.

(The motion was duly seconded.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: It has been moved and seconded that this proposal be ratified by the body. Are you ready for the question? Discussion?

Delegate Long?

MR. LONG: This is a troublesome point; it really came up this morning when we tried to figure out how we were going to meet, and we had an alternate suggestion from delegate Harris.

Because these groups of responsibilities do not correspond to column A and column B, it may be difficult for the vice presidents to do what they have to do, because some of these committees are necessarily, I think, going to be meeting at the same time in the future.

I don't want to cause a lot of difficulty with this, because I suspect this has been worked out, but I wondered if that kind of conflict had been taken into account and whether an alternate way of doing it could be to assign one vice president to one set and one vice president to the other, so that the conflicts might not arise.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I will ask the vice presidents if they see any problem with coordinating these committees as listed, and whether they feel it's necessary for them to

— attend all meetings of the committees that they coordinate.

Delegate Baldwin?

MR. BALDWIN: I prefer hearing from the delegations before I speak.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Harris?

MS. HARRIS: I don't see any problem, and I think if a problem arises --

MS. SIMMONS: I think she ought to hear from the body, too, before she speaks.

MR. BALDWIN: Yes, that's what I said.

MS. HARRIS: Well, just because he said it doesn't mean I have to say it.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Simmons, delegate Love, delegate Mason. Simmons?

MS. SIMMONS: I simply would like to speak to the motion with full appreciation for what Mr. Long has said.

My perception of the responsibility of the First and Second Vice Presidents with regard to these committees is oversight, to kind of keep tabs and kind of know. They do not have to be physically present at every meeting. They can use the telephone to talk to the chairs to get progress reports, if they have a conflict.

— I think there ought to be some ongoing base-touching,

but we don't need their bodies at every meeting every time we meet. So, I am not saying that that conflict won't occur, but I'm saying that I think my perception of their role and function does not mean any damage will be done.

Their oversight and tandem relationship and assistance cannot be obviated by their being absent.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Love?

MR. LOVE: Mr. Chairman, I would like to move an amendment that the Third Vice President be the coordinator of the two operating committees.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: That is not the motion, and that is out of order. We are voting on the motion on the floor.

Delegate Mason?

MR. C. MASON: Delegate Simmons said much of what I was about to say. The one point I might add is that the First and Second Vice Presidents, in addition to holding those offices, are on committees as individual members and they will presumably be attending the meetings of their own committees.

Therefore, it seems to me that their functions under this vote are more to be sure that these committees come up with their reports in a timely manner, and things of that sort, rather than actually attending the meetings.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Any more unreadiness on the

question?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Those in favor of the motion to adopt, signify by raising your hands.

MR. KAMENY: What are we adopting now?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: This is delegate Simmons' motion to adopt a proposal by the President that the First and Second Vice Presidents coordinate the committees that were just read to you.

Are you ready for the question? Those in favor, signify by saying aye.

(A chorus of "ayes.")

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Those opposed?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Abstain?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The motion carries.

The President is now prepared to appoint members of some ad hoc committees. The first one is the committee to study the responsibilities, functions and scope of the Statehood Compact Commission and the Statehood Commission.

MR. B. MOORE: Mr. President, point of order.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Yes?

MR. B. MOORE: I believe you skipped over point 7 on the agenda.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: You're quite right. This won't take very long. May we stay with it and come back to it?

MR. B. MOORE: I'm just concerned about the point of addressing the business out of order.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Yes, I recall that.

MR. B. MOORE: If we can come back to it, fine, if that rule doesn't jeopardize its order on the agenda.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I don't think we're about to adjourn any time soon, so we'll come back to it. I simply made a mistake in skipping to 8.

I just wanted to announce that I have appointed a committee, as I said, to study those two commissions -- the Statehood Commission and the Statehood Compact Commission. That committee will be chaired by our First Vice President, James Baldwin, and there will be Janet Harris, the Second Vice President; Franklin Kameny; Mildred Lockridge; and Gloria Corn.

The second committee is a committee that will design for us a series of citations to all of those institutions and people who have provided support for this convention -- Howard University, the University of the District of Columbia, Lillian Huff, the 51st State Committee -- to design it and perhaps

provide for some graphic certificate that we can issue.

I am appointing to that chairperson Jeanette Feeley, Howard Croft, Talmadge Moore, Richard Bruning and Jan Eichhorn.

May we now go to the item that we missed, and that is item 7?

MR. LOVE: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to speak to a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Yes?

MR. LOVE: A number of us contacted the Chair about our interest in the ad hoc committee on the Statehood Commission and Statehood Compact Commission, and I'm a little worried, one, that all the wards aren't represented here; and, two, that certain people, such as delegate Maguire, who actually put in a very detailed proposal for us to vote on, were not included. I would just like to express my concern. Thank you.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Eichhorn?

MS. EICHHORN: Thank you for considering me, but I'm not interested in serving on Citations.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: All right. The Chair would then appoint Barbara Maguire to replace delegate Eichhorn, who has just declined.

MS. MAGUIRE: I'm not interested in serving on that

committee.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Then the Chair will have to make another selection; he won't make it at this time.

MS. MAGUIRE: You were going to put me on the ceremony one, right?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: This was a committee on citations.

MS. MAGUIRE: I'm not interested.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Feeley, Croft, Talmadge Moore, Richard Bruning, and Jan Eichhorn. The Chair will select somebody else for that committee.

MS. SIMMONS: Do we have a sheet with that on it?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: No.

MS. SIMMONS: Okay. I just wondered if I had missed a piece of paper.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: No.

MS. SIMMONS: All right, thank you.

MS. H. MASON: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Mason?

MS. H. MASON: I rise to express a concern about the people who are on the commission ad hoc committee. I have no problems with the people who are --

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Mason, there is no such committee.

MS. H. MASON: The ad hoc committee on the Statehood Commission and Statehood Compact Commission. Is that a committee?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Right, there is that committee.

MS. H. MASON: That's the one I'm talking about, Mr. President.

What I'd like to say is I have no problem with those who were named.

MS. SIMMONS: Ask him what the function is.

MS. H. MASON: I will ask that.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The Chair has already stated the function of that committee.

MS. H. MASON: I have a problem because there's nobody named here who has been involved in the statehood movement over any long period of time, and it seems to me that there should be some recognition, not speaking for Hilda Mason; I don't want to be on it.

There should be somebody on here who has been involved in the statehood movement prior to the initiative period. There are some people in here who were involved, and I noticed that there is not one person named to this committee.

Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Thank you, delegate Mason.

Delegate Mason, would you care to make some suggestions?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Croft, delegate Eichhorn.

MR. CROFT: I would like to also second that; I am also quite concerned about this committee to deal with these commissions. I don't particularly care about the functions anymore; I'm concerned about the Compact Commission.

I strongly feel that there should be people on this Compact Commission whose involvements have been long-term in terms of statehood. Not to impune anybody's motives or impune anybody's position of where they stand on statehood, I think that this Compact Commission is so critical that we need people on it whose loyalty to statehood is unquestionable. We do not equivocate on the question of statehood.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Croft, it seems that you are referring to the Compact Commission; I think there is no argument there.

MR. CROFT: I am referring to the ad hoc committee, because it seems to me that this ad hoc committee will indeed set the terms for how this later body will function. And I am damned concerned that we have people on this ad hoc committee that have been for statehood and whose loyalties to statehood

are unquestionable.

I am concerned when I see names on here and I do not know where they stand on statehood and have not taken an unequivocal stand on statehood.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Croft, I understand your concern. If you're that concerned, perhaps you'd have a proposal to remedy your concern.

MS. EICHHORN: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Hold it.

MS. EICHHORN: You called my name after delegate Croft.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I have not recognized you.

(Pause.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Eichhorn.

MS. EICHHORN: I would like to propose two persons who served on the board of the 51st State Committee. I was surprised that of the persons you recommended for citations, three of us have been on the board of the 51st State Committee, but no one who had served with the 51st State Committee was on the Statehood Commission committee. Perhaps you weren't aware of that.

In any event, I would like to propose delegate Maguire, who initiated the action which led to the creation of

— this committee, and Howard Croft, both of whom have worked with the statehood initiative from the inception of the effort, as additions to the committee.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Are those two individuals interested in serving on this ad hoc committee?

MR. CROFT: Yes, sir.

MS. MAGUIRE: Yes.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Jordan?

MR. JORDAN: Mr. Chairman, first of all, I'm not moved or persuaded by any arguments about a preference or some kind of test for loyalty to statehood, or anything else.

You see, my problem is that throughout the short span of this convention, I have been witness to those who have made commitments and who have, in the interim period or in some period of time, vacillated or totally gone against those commitments.

So, my point is if we are talking about people who have supported statehood being a criterion for selection, as if that's going to determine whether or not a person should be qualified or capable to serve on this committee, I think that's a fallacious argument.

Now, the second point I'd like to make is this: we have chosen a chairperson, and we need to have as much

confidence in that chairperson as possible. I hope that there was opportunity offered by the Chair for others to provide input to the Chair, but ultimately we must accept the -- I don't say we have to accept them totally, but I'm saying that this was a recommendation of the chairperson.

I see a criticism coming at the chairperson, and the chairperson is a person who has a record of being committed to statehood that is unquestionable in this particular forum. I don't think there's anybody in here who could stand up and say they've done more for statehood than Charles Cassell.

(Delegate Hilda Mason stood and left the room, to the applause of the body.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Jordan, would you continue?

MR. JORDAN: The point I'm trying to make is that maybe what we're seeing now is the surfacing of some other kinds of issues. This issue of loyalty to statehood is really designed to couch some other criticisms that are being leveled, and we need to deal with that.

Mr. Chairman, I would have felt comfortable if everything hadn't been prefaced, or there hadn't been this reliance on a person's commitment to statehood. Some of us went out and got petitions signed, and we went out and

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campaigned and we got votes from the people who sent us here.

Now, you know, for somebody to say, because I've heard it a lot, that there are some folks in here who are not committed to statehood -- I don't know what the final outcome is going to be, but I don't want to start judging people now as to whether or not they're for or against statehood, because we don't know what's going to happen in this process.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Let the Chair make an announcement. In light of the discussion that has ensued over the past ten minutes, the Chair is prepared to, and will, reconsider both the size and the number of people, and the individuals who will serve on this committee.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: That announcement will be made at the next plenary session, if not by mail beforehand.

We're now back to that item number 7 that we missed, the report from the Pre-Convention Committee on Resources and Public Relations.

MS. FREEMAN: Mr. Chairman, I am curious about when you plan to make appointments to the ad hoc committee on public information.

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PRESIDENT CASSELL: I'm sorry. Would you repeat that?

MS. FREEMAN: I'm curious, on the subject of ad hoc committees, when you plan to make the appointments to the ad hoc committee on public information.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I have not yet made those. I said I made some of them, and in light of the kinds of reactions that we have had to some of them, those concerns will be borne in mind.

We'll now have a report from the Pre-Convention Committee on Resources and Public Relations. Delegate Nahikian had asked for an opportunity to speak on that.

Delegate Jackson?

MR. JACKSON: Yes, sir, just on your last point, because I had my hand up, I won't give a speech around anything, though I do have strong opinions. But I would ask that the Chair also consider Ms. Hilda Mason as a part of that Statehood Commission.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The Chair will consider everything that has been said here.

MR. JACKSON: I'm just expressing my opinion, Mr. Chairman, on that matter.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Your suggestion is taken under advisement, and thank you for that suggestion.

Delegate Nahikian not being here, who speaks for

that committee? Delegate Brian Moore?

MR. B. MOORE: Ms. Nahikian has been ill for the past week, and that has caused her absence from today's meeting.

For the record, I'd like to submit the report of the resources and public relations pre-convention planning committee. I think a copy has already been submitted to William Cooper.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: It hasn't changed since the last meeting?

MR. B. MOORE: That's correct.

Secondly, members of the committee did make phone calls several weeks ago and have been in the last week to various law firms, universities, and so forth, to establish a contact person. We established a preliminary list of addresses, but by making our phone calls, we were able to find out who the contact people are and to basically break ground as to what we're all about, to give them some idea so that they wouldn't be confused when the letter and survey did arrive.

So, I think we're making good ground in that area, and we're contacting major law firms, and also smaller law firms that have a good number of black attorneys in there as well. So, we're going to try to have a good mixture.

(Laughter.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Please, please. Delegate Moore has the floor and he's making his report.

MR. B. MOORE: I say that because there was some concern as to the types of law firms that we were contacting, so that's why we've gone after various law firms, both large and small, and medium-sized.

I think that by next week, we should be able to give to you some reaction and response. On a verbal basis, it has been very positive and people have been more than open to the idea of providing not only legal counsel, but clerical help as well, if we need it. So, it looks good.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: When you say "responses," do you mean responses to addendum B -- proposed resources: universities, law schools, and so forth?

MR. B. MOORE: That's correct.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: And also contacts for convention public relations, et cetera, et cetera?

MR. B. MOORE: That's right. Howard Croft was contacting the universities. Marie Nahikian contacted people like the Board of Trade and the Municipal Law Association. I was contacting law firms, et cetera, and Mr. Thomas had established a contact at the Department of Interior.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Are there any questions about Mr. Moore's report? Delegate Harris, delegate Thomas, delegate Jones.

MS. HARRIS: I have a series of questions, and maybe I need to take them step by step.

On addendum B, under A, "Universities," number 5 should be "The University of the District of Columbia." There is not a university called "District of Columbia."

Question: under "Universities," is there any reason why Antioch College was left out?

MR. B. MOORE: No, there's no reason why it was left out.

MS. HARRIS: Okay. My thought is that Antioch also be included since you're dealing with departments of political science, law and business. They have a large number of law professors there.

Under B, it seems to me that Antioch College ought to be number 4, where you have "Other," because you're talking about law schools, and 5 should be "Other."

MR. B. MOORE: All right.

MS. HARRIS: Under number C, "United States Congress," it seems to me that number 4, Library of Congress, should be moved down to D, and in its place should be the

Congressional Black Caucus, since you have committees and subcommittees there. That leaves you open to a lot of other kinds of bodies.

MR. B. MOORE: All right.

MS. HARRIS: And it seems to me that under C, "United States Congress," number 4, Library of Congress, should be moved down to D, number 4, where it says "Other."

MR. B. MOORE: Okay, fine; I understand.

MS. HARRIS: Now, I have some concerns about your groups of resources from E down to P.

MR. B. MOORE: Okay.

MS. HARRIS: There have been several that I think are very important to this city left out, and important to political studies. Number one is it seems to me that the Joint Center for Political Studies should be included here. It also seems to me that the Institute for the Study of Educational Policy at Howard University should be included here.

MR. B. MOORE: Institute for what?

MS. HARRIS: For the Study of Educational Policy.

MR. B. MOORE: Okay.

MS. HARRIS: And H, District of Columbia Bar Association -- I think the correct name is the Washington Bar Association.

MR. BALDWIN: There are two different bars.

MS. HARRIS: Okay, then, I'm asking that the Washington Bar Association be included here.

MS. SIMMONS: Is there a District of Columbia Bar Association?

MS. HARRIS: I don't know.

MR. BALDWIN: There is a District; there are two of them.

MS. CORN: Yes, there is; there is the District and then the American.

MS. HARRIS: But the District's is called the Washington Bar Association, whose president is Thomas Duckenfield, okay?

MS. JONES: That's right. It's the D. C. Bar Association where you must have your license.

MS. HARRIS: So, that's the bar association I'm referring to here.

MR. COOPER: Time.

MS. HARRIS: It's not a timed discussion; I'm asking for amendments. This is discussion.

Number M, Mr. Moore, under "National Publications," which is my last suggestion -- I think there are three or four publications that are national that ought to be included

here. One is the Black Scholar; one is Black Enterprise; one is Crisis Magazine, and the Journal of Negro History. These magazines publish a lot of political media as well as educational media. I think they are national; they have been in existence for years, and they ought to be included under national publications.

MS. SIMMONS: Did you include Focus on that?

MS. HARRIS: Focus should be included, yes.

MS. SIMMONS: Focus should be included.

MS. HARRIS: Yes, it should be.

MR. MARCUS: Point of order, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Marcus?

MR. MARCUS: I appreciate delegate Harris' knowledge, but can't this be done privately so that the rest of the time of this plenary session won't be wasted with the giving of information?

I'm certain you have plenty of other suggestions. I, as well, have plenty of suggestions, and I will not waste the body's time in reading them publicly.

MS. HARRIS: The reason I made the point is because of the fact that the committee is operating now. They are sending out letters. They are surveying various organizations and agencies, and certainly these ought to be included and

known by the body so that they could also be surveyed by the committee.

MS. CORN: Mr. Chairman, it seems to me that since they are sending these things out, this isn't going to take more than five minutes for everybody to give their suggestions. Let's get through the suggestions and move forward.

MR. KAMENY: Oh, no. Let's have the suggestions sent in.

MS. CORN: It won't take more than five minutes if we stop fighting and let her talk.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: All right. I recognized her to ask questions about the report.

Delegate Thomas is next, and then delegate Jones.

MR. THOMAS: I would add some input to the report, Mr. President. On last Saturday at the Frederick Douglas Home, I was talking to Mr. Jim Joseph, who has just been appointed president of the foundation from Washington, and he indicated to me that he would be interested in working with this constitution. It might be an opportunity for him to help us financially.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: You're on this committee.

MR. THOMAS: Yes.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: You'll see that he gets a

notification.

Questions regarding the report? Delegate Jones?

MS. JONES: Well, I have a little more than a question. I feel that every time that this happens and every time I get up to speak to it, some people get mad, but I'm going to get up to speak to it anyway, regardless of what people want, points of order, or anything else.

We do not name by name the Congressman from the District of Columbia, Walter Fauntroy, in here, and I mean his office by name. I think that when we say "House of Representatives" and we do not name him by name, we are excluding him. Some people in here want to say "the non-voting delegate from the District of Columbia." He is the Congressman from the District of Columbia, and at this point, the reason that we have enjoyed a full payment to the city is because of him.

I am saddened by the fact that we did not do that, and I'm asking, point blank, that his office be placed on this list and we use him as a resource person and a consultant to this body.

MR. B. MOORE: Ms. Jones, I apologize that that was overlooked; it was really not intended. From our exploration, we were able to determine a significant number of committees

and subcommittees that deal in constitutional matters, and that's why we said a general name. But there was no slight involved there, or intended. Your point is well taken.

That would conclude my report, Mr. President, unless there are other questions.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: That concludes your report?

MR. B. MOORE: That's correct.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: If there are further questions, please hold them. Let me ask the person who speaks for that committee if the contacts that you have listed here -- I want to address my comments to delegate Moore.

Delegate Moore, will you please provide the Chair with a list of all of the contacts, all the universities, and let the Chair send those notices out under the signature of the President?

MR. B. MOORE: Sure.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: That is a very valuable source for me, and I would like to send those out under my own signature.

Delegate Corn?

MS. CORN: I don't want to go through each and every one of those categories. I speak not as a delegate only, or as a member of Ward 3, or as a Republican, but as a citizen of

— this country.

If you want to win this, you're going to have to have Republican support. And in any and every place where you can contact the Republican Party within the District -- the District Republican Party, the national Republican Party, and any other Republican contacts you can have to have input into this document -- the better your chances are going to be of passing it.

I strongly urge that you go after and seek Republican advice and support and help.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Moore, I trust that you would include those kinds of resources in your report, also.

MR. B. MOORE: I certainly will.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Freeman?

MS. FREEMAN: Mr. Chairman, are we still continuing to contribute suggestions to this committee?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Yes. I don't want to let this run too long. We could really make these suggestions later, unless you think it's something that this body needs to hear.

MS. FREEMAN: I frankly don't, but I thought if we were going to do that, I would do it publicly. Otherwise, I'll do it in writing.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Talmadge Moore?

MR. T. MOORE: Mr. President, I just want to be specific, on page 2 down at the bottom where it says "Media," that you emphasize a local newspaper, the Washington Afro.

MS. SIMMONS: And the North Star.

MR. T. MOORE: And the North Star, on page 2.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I'm going to request that everybody send those to delegate --

MR. T. MOORE: Well, it just says "local newspapers, and I wanted to be specific.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay. Delegate Harris?

MS. HARRIS: Delegate Moore, there's one error on page 2 under F, "Law Schools."

MR. B. MOORE: Yes.

MS. HARRIS: UDC does not have a law school, so you really are talking about Georgetown, George Washington and Howard.

MS. FREEMAN: American and Antioch.

MR. ROBINSON: American and Catholic.

MS. HARRIS: Let me finish. You might want to take UDC out and put Antioch there, since there's not one.

MR. BRUNING: And Catholic and American.

MS. HARRIS: I don't think we want to lean too heavily and have an unequal distribution here. So, maybe we

ought to deal with four, and that would be Georgetown, George Washington, Antioch and Howard.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I think everybody understands the intent of that suggestion.

We are now moving on to the new item number 9, New Business. Is there any new business before this house?

(Pause.)

MR. BALDWIN: Mr. Chairman, could I ask the acting chairperson of that particular committee a few questions?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Surely.

MR. BALDWIN: Mr. Moore, has this survey gone out?

MR. B. MOORE: No, it has not.

MR. BALDWIN: My second point is just a suggestion to the committee. I would think that since we're going to meet next Saturday in a plenary session, if possible -- I know your committee and other committees have a lot of work to do -- if you could kind of refine a lot of this, I think you've gotten the sense of the delegation that they want some specifics, and so forth.

MR. B. MOORE: Right.

MR. BALDWIN: If your committee could refine a lot of this and actually state and present it to the President for final action of the Executive Committee -- in other words,

— he should look at that before anything goes out in the survey — who it's going to and those kinds of things. You probably had that in mind anyway. Thank you.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: New business?

MR. T. MOORE: You had given me an opportunity under new business.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I did indeed, delegate Moore; then delegate Love, delegate Schrag, delegate Simmons.

MS. PARAMORE: Hey, don't forget us back here now.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Your hands did go up late, didn't they?

MS. PARAMORE: They did.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: All right now; delegate Paramore, delegate Barnes.

MR. T. MOORE: I move that the permanent calendar for the 90 days be made available for the delegates on the first day of the beginning of the 90 days so that we would know what we're going to be doing throughout the 90 days.

(The motion was duly seconded.)

MR. T. MOORE: And advertising in the D. C. Register.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: When you say "calendar," that means --

MR. T. MOORE: I mean what we're going to be doing

the first week, what we're going to be doing the second week, what we're going to be doing the third week, et cetera; in other words, a calendar or a schedule, or whatever you want to call it. But we should really have a time schedule of what we're going to be doing for the 90 days.

We cannot even hardly get something done for one week or three days without a lot of argument, so I think we need an overall calendar for the entire 90 days.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay, that's a suggestion. Who's next?

MR. T. MOORE: I moved that.

(The motion was duly seconded.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay. It has been moved and seconded that there be a calendar at the first business meeting following -- what meeting was this now?

MS. HARRIS: The first day of the convention.

MR. T. MOORE: At the beginning of the 90 days.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The first day of the convention, the convention be provided with a calendar of events and times.

MR. LOVE: Point of information.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Point of information.

MR. LOVE: Mr. Chairman, the rules that we adopted suggest that delegates have seven days after the first meeting

of the Rules and Calendar Committee to sign up for that committee. Now, if that committee's first meeting is Wednesday, that means that that committee will not totally be formed until a week from Wednesday.

I don't know when the convention is going to begin, but I think we need to leave that committee enough time to put together a calendar.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Schrag?

MR. SCHRAG: I have new business, but there's a motion on the floor. I'll come back after this business.

MR. KAMENY: We have a motion and I'd like to speak to the motion if you'll recognize me.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Kameny?

MR. KAMENY: I would rise to oppose delegate Moore's motion. While I recognize its desirability --

MS. SIMMONS: I rise to a point of parliamentary procedure. You said you were keeping a list; I know my name was on there somewhere.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Yes, your name is on there.

MR. KAMENY: I think, in fairness, the motion is unfeasible. We simply don't know what we're going to do. We don't know what committees are going to be reporting out. We don't know what's going to happen five, six, seven, eight

weeks, or two-and-a-half months from now. We have no way of knowing that.

The result will be that we will adopt that calendar and we will spend hours and hours and hours debating changes in the calendar. We have seen what has happened before when we have tried to change what we did. You'll have piddling little motions that we change the calendar by five minutes for this consideration versus that; we change a meeting from this day to that. The whole convention will go down the drain, amending the calendar that we adopted two months ahead. Thank you.

MR. T. MOORE: Point of order.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Point of order.

MR. T. MOORE: Could I just state one thing?

MS. SIMMONS: You want to give an explanation, Talmadge Moore, and I know it.

MR. T. MOORE: I just wanted to state that perhaps you got the wrong impression. If we could have a program or a schedule of something definite --

PRESIDENT CASSELL: That's really not a point of order, Delegate Moore.

MR. T. MOORE: Okay.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I think your purposes will be

accomplished.

Delegate Simmons?

MS. SIMMONS: I certainly want to indicate my appreciation for the kind of direction that delegate Moore is seeking. However, I think that the motion that you propound to us is not at this point a feasible one.

I believe that we do need to have a calendar, and I think at that first meeting, we ought to try to set up some system for at least two weeks, at which time we could then maybe go further.

But I really do not see the motion that you suggest today, delegate Moore, as being a feasible one. I would really appreciate your articulation of it which charges the Executive Committee and all of us who have work to do to see if we can't get our houses in good order so that we can start thinking in terms of a decent kind of program with some lead time. But I really find that the present motion is not exactly feasible.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Paramore?

MS. PARAMORE: I rise to speak positively about Mr. Moore's motion, but I would like for us to take into consideration the change to Wednesday when we do consider to take those things into consideration.

But there is a need for us to plan for the next three months, however we want to set that up, because a lot of people will have to plan ahead. It might not be necessary right at this point, but there is a need to consider it.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Barnes?

MR. BARNES: I wanted to speak about something, and address this to the Executive Committee; it is something I think that concerns a lot of us in terms of our personal plans or whatever, and also concerns when we are going to start getting paid, et cetera.

Does anyone on the Executive Committee have any intelligence about when the 90-day period officially starts?

MS. CORN: When we say.

MR. KAMENY: When we declare it to.

MR. BARNES: May I get a response from the Executive Committee?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I don't think you're speaking to this particular motion. That's information that we need, but this isn't to the motion.

MR. BARNES: Okay.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Coates?

MR. COATES: Thank you, sir.

I would share the view of delegate Simmons that the

— thing for which delegate Moore has spoken is not feasibly possible at this point. However, I would think that the Executive Committee, knowing what work is involved in introducing the document -- that is, a draft constitution -- could work back from that total work product to its several components, and, in its wisdom of having handled such work products before, determine, in its best judgment, the time scope required for the various sub-components, so that we could project reasonably so that fromnning from a point in time where we have met this afternoon by, let us say, for example, two weeks, we should have done thus and so; by four weeks, we should have done thus and so; by mid-point, we should have done thus and so.

So, through the entire work product, we could put out some benchmarks that suggest to us then what kind of calendar we impose and what kind of agenda we impose. Unless we look at it in its totality with that concept, we might not make the best use of our time and we might not have the critical benchmarks by which we indicate the progress of this convention.

— So, it is to hopefully suggest to the Executive Committee through the Chair what I think would be helpful to us when the Executive Committee reports to us and we do, in

fact, develop a calendar.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Mason?

MS. H. MASON: Mr. President, I rise to say that I agree with a lot of what I have heard here from the various delegates.

I think I interpreted Mr. Moore's motion to mean that once we know the committee structure and membership and once we know when committees will meet and when plenary sessions will be held, we would come up with a firm schedule -- "firm" does not mean that you cannot alter it -- but a firm schedule which can be advertised in the D. C. Register and in the newspapers so that people will know that these five committees meet certain days, the other five committees meet certain days, and the plenary will meet. And if the plenary doesn't need to meet, we can always cancel.

I think that that was the intent, so that we would get a sense of direction. I think what I read in the interpretation from the Corporation Counsel is that the convention is in session when we start writing the constitution, so that when these committees convene to start working on their parts of the constitution, we are, in effect, convening the beginning of the 90-day period.

I think the community has to know what we're doing

from day one when we convene, all the way through. The community also understands from following the Board of Education and the Council of the District of Columbia that these schedules can be modified and can be changed.

So, the community should know what we're doing and we should know what we're doing, and I think that is the sense of Mr. Moore's motion. And I wish that we would try to blend that into whatever it is we're trying to do so that all of us will have some sense of direction as we move forward.

Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Baldwin?

MR. BALDWIN: Thank you, Mr. President. I concur with everything that delegate has said. I, for one, see the convention actually beginning the first week in March. I have kept time on our discussion to vote on the next three days we're to meet, and that was 37 minutes. So, if it took us 37 minutes to try and determine when our next three meetings will be, you can imagine how long it would take us to vote on a three-month period.

So, even though delegate Moore's point is correct, and I think we do need it, I think it's just almost impossible to come up with a full three-month schedule by the first week of March.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Blount?

MR. BLOUNT: I'd like to associate myself with delegate Mason's comments, also. I view the motion as a simple reminder that we need to have a schedule of events as soon as possible. If we do not have it by the first day, it's not the end of the world, but we are looking in that direction.

MS. HARRIS: I move the question.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: It has been moved that we cut off debate. All in favor?

MR. ROTHSCCHILD: Point of order. Who did move it?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Harris.

MR. ROTHSCCHILD: Yes, but delegate Harris was not recognized.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Harris, would you like to be recognized?

MS. HARRIS: Yes. I call the question.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The question has been called. All in favor of cutting off debate, please signify by saying aye.

(A chorus of "ayes.")

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Those opposed?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Abstain?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay. There's a motion on the floor.

MR. ROTHSCCHILD: I was actually interested in calling the question, but I don't think it's a good precedent to set to just look for somebody conveniently when the Chair wishes to call the question.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Well, I wouldn't say it's convenient. What we're trying to do is to expedite. There's no argument on the floor. I hope you understand that the Chair is trying to be fair, but at the same time, also, expediting.

MR. ROTHSCCHILD: I'd like the Chair to know that I was interested in calling the question, also.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Thank you very much.

The motion by delegate Moore is that at the first official meeting of the convention, we establish a 90-day calendar. Is that the sense of that motion?

MR. T. MOORE: Yes.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Is there any further discussion on that?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: If not, all in favor, signify by

saying aye.

(A chorus of "ayes.")

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Those opposed?

(A chorus of "nays.")

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Abstain?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The motion carries.

MS. LOCKRIDGE: Division, please.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Very good. Those in favor, signify by raising your hands.

MR. COOPER: Eighteen.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Those opposed?

MR. KAMENY: Mr. Chairman, I suggest, in fairness, you retake the vote. There was some confusion.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Let the Chair restate the motion and let us vote again. All of those in favor of delegate Moore's motion that on the first day of the constitution, we establish a 90-day calendar, raise your hands.

MR. COOPER: Fifteen.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Those opposed?

MR. COOPER: Nineteen.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Those abstaining?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: What's the count?

MR. COOPER: Fifteen in favor, 19 not in favor.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Fifteen in favor and 19 not in favor, the motion loses.

New business?

MR. KAMENY: You have a list of new businesses up there.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Schrag?

MR. SCHRAG: I think Love was ahead of me.

MS. HARRIS: Love was ahead of you.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Let's see who they are; Love, Schrag, Simmons, Paramore, Barnes, Jackson.

MS. JONES: I still would like to be on the list.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: And Jones.

Delegate Love?

MR. LOVE: Mr. Chairman, I tried to make this motion earlier, so I would make it again, and that is we have two operating committees that do not have a coordinator and I would like to move that the Third Vice Chair coordinate the Style and Drafting and Rules and Calendar Committees.

(The motion was duly seconded.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Love, that's out of order because it's opposed to the rules.

Further new business? Delegate Schrag?

MR. SCHRAG: I have a request of the Executive Committee. Our rules say that to the extent the budget permits, we should have a tape recording of all committee meetings. We'll be having committee meetings Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week, and my request to the Executive Committee is either that they find five tape recorders before Tuesday so we can begin to record our historic meetings, or if that's not possible, that they call around to the membership of those committees to make sure that somebody from each committee will bring a tape recorder to the meeting so that the proper historic records can be kept.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The Executive Committee will do that.

Delegate Simmons?

MS. JONES: Point of information, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Point of information.

MS. JONES: You should call Robert Young, because tape recorders are going to be delivered. Committee people who are going to have committee meetings need to call him because I think that he will have a process for signing in and out those tape recorders.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay. Delegate Simmons?

MS. SIMMONS: The question I was going to raise for information had first to do with the recordings, and that is that the tapes really do need to be very properly labeled both in terms of date and time, and they should become a part of the archives.

Now, the question that I have is that the committee may indeed need those tapes for some given period of time. But we ought to be very clear about the time frame in which those tapes are free to go around to nine different people, because that is how you lose material.

Also, we understand that at very high levels, it's possible for tapes to be erased.

(Laughter.)

MS. SIMMONS: I only mention that because I think there are people who may want to bring their own tape recorder into the committee, and I think that too ought to be permitted. Maybe the chairs of the committees, once those are organized, can work that out.

But I'm concerned that the pure tape gets transmitted to the proper authorities immediately, and maybe there's some second tape that becomes the roaming tape that goes from member to member of the committees. That was the first point.

The second concern that I have is, based on our rules, all committees, unless given permission by the body, must meet at the headquarters, and the notification of those meetings must be made public. I know we've got a media and information committee, but until we get staff, I don't want us to run into a violation of our own rules.

I just call this to your attention, Mr. President. If you would assign someone with regard to the Executive Committee to assume the responsibility to see that the electronic media, in particular -- see, print media is not going to do us much good on meetings for Tuesday, but the electronic media could at least be notified of the formation of the committees and their meetings, and I would hope that we would do that.

As nearly as is humanly possible, I would like to see us really be circumspect about the sunshine law so that people can't say they didn't know it was happening. Let's be sure that it's happening, and then we can always operate from the posture that, you know, "It was a matter of your own personal interest and availability, but it certainly wasn't that anyone was keeping anything from you."

That concludes my comments, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Let me just indicate that the

coordination that is the responsibility of the two vice presidents will be the area in which the provision of tapes, the security of tapes, the duplication of tapes, and the assurance that they don't get tampered with, will occur.

MS. JONES: Point of personal privilege, Mr. President. I'd like to speak to my new business right after Ms. Simmons because it pertains to the subject that she just brought up; that is, if the rest of the delegates don't object to that.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Would delegate Paramore, who was next, yield to delegate Jones, who would like to speak before you?

MS. PARAMORE: I wasn't scheduled to speak.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Your name is here.

Delegate Barnes and delegate Jackson, would you yield to delegate Jones, who feels that she needs to speak directly after delegate Simmons?

MR. BARNES: Yes, I will, if I am going to speak after delegate Jones.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Jackson, would you so yield?

MR. JACKSON: Yes.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Jones?

MS. JONES: I'd like to raise an issue here about the fact that we operate in the sunshine and the fact that we're talking about placing everything in the D. C. Register, which is not available to people in the streets and the people in my neighborhood because they cost a sum of money, and we do not have access to them.

We have few libraries. In fact, at the library around the corner from me, there's always an argument as to why they do not have these documents. I would like for us to move with the publishing of our activities and the publishing of our calendar in some neighborhood papers, like the Informer, so I can take them home with me and give them to our welfare rights groups and to our food stamps rights groups, so they will know and they can come when they're interested to see what is going on. When we have our public hearings, I'm sure that we want those people to come and speak to the issue of the constitution.

MR. CROFT: If that's a motion, I'll second it.

MS. JONES: Yes, that's a motion.

(The motion was duly seconded.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: It has been moved and seconded that in addition to the electronic and print media, we take steps to make certain that the neighborhood newspapers receive

all information about our convention -- committee meetings, et cetera -- and that, indeed, we might even have our own, I think, newsletter in the form of a fly sheet from time to time or on a regular basis.

Is that the sense of your motion?

MS. JONES: Yes, it is.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Beginning with the first meeting?

MS. JONES: Yes.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: There was a second to that motion?

MR. CROFT: Yes.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Any discussion?

MS. GRAHAM: I'd just like to make an addition to that, if delegate Jones doesn't mind, and that is name the ANCs within the various areas.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: We can add that, can't we, delegate Jones?

MS. JONES: Yes.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay. Discussion? Delegate Marcus?

MR. MARCUS: I heartily applaud delegate Jones' motion and I would urge the body to make sure that those newspapers which speak to the communities which don't

— ordinarily have access to the D. C. Register or don't read the Washington Post as a matter of course, so that that doesn't help very much, will, in fact, be sought out for the purpose of informing them of our meetings and how they might communicate their opinions and their information to the body itself.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Is that implied in your motion?

MS. JONES: Yes.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: All in favor of the motion, signify by saying aye.

(A chorus of "ayes.")

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Those opposed?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Abstain?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The motion carries.

Any further new business? Delegate Barnes?

MR. BARNES: I came in late, and I apologize to the body. I may have missed this; that's why I'm saying this.

Are we going to have an opportunity to make our wishes about being on one of the two operating committees known after this session?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: There is a sign-up sheet up here

at the desk.

MR. BARNES: Okay, thank you.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Jackson?

MR. JACKSON: Mr. President, I want to commend those who have prepared the amendments to the rules of the convention.

However, I'd like to ask the Chair if there are any plans to have this completed and back to us by the first session of the conference, if it is to open around the 1st of March. If not, I would like to move that. So, maybe the Chair could answer my question first, and maybe I wouldn't need a motion.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The plans are to have the revised rules ready. Those amendments are for your perusal.

MR. JACKSON: I mean the whole thing.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Yes. That's for your perusal, the same way you review minutes.

MR. JACKSON: No, sir, that's not what I'm asking. I'm asking if there are definite plans for us to have the completed rules by the first session. If not, I would like to make a motion to that effect.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Yes, there are. I was explaining to you why you have that document.

MR. JACKSON: Okay.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Yes, there are.

Delegate Mason?

MS. H. MASON: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the delegation. I would like to know when the delegation will get a progress report on the hiring of staff. Many of the things that we've identified here as being under the responsibility of vice presidents should be under the Executive Secretary, like the provision of tape recorders and making sure that secretarial people are there to cover committee meetings, and preserving the records, and so forth.

Is there any plan now for that?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: There's a plan to fill out our staff as expeditiously as possible. The Executive Committee will be meeting on Monday. First, I would like to have all resumes that anybody has. I hear that everybody has them, but I only have very few of them.

We want to flesh out our staff so that we can begin to make those reports and so that we can also, you know, plan for the things that have been talked about -- scheduling, calendar -- and report to the body in regard to what we have in the way of staff of space and facilities.

We need also to communicate, as I said before, with

the office of the Mayor to get some confirmation regarding the agreements on the budget and finance and, you know, that portion of it that he is willing to take in addition to what he has already offered.

Delegate Mason still has the floor.

MS. H. MASON: There is to be a meeting with the Mayor's people on Tuesday to deal with that.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: That's the ad hoc budget and finance committee.

MS. H. MASON: The other point I want to raise is, Mr. President, that we still have not addressed the issue of when the constitutional convention will be back in session to begin the 90-day period.

I move that the Executive Committee will inform us when the 90-day period will begin, because that is very important in relation to the budget that we are working on. It's also important in relation to the setting of schedules and other things that we have discussed here.

So, I move that we get a time certain as to when the convention is in session for the beginning of the 90-day period.

(The motion was duly seconded.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Let me say that a motion is not

necessary. We've had some general discussion on that. We would like by the end of next week to have our staff, to have our telephones in, and to have a telephone number where people can call in.

The following week, we would like to declare that the constitution-writing begin. We need one week, hopefully, to complete our staff. We would be prepared at that time to announce that we have what we need to begin writing a constitution. I wouldn't say now that we must because, you know, if we don't have an Executive Secretary, we can't very well function.

I see no reason why we couldn't hire the people that we need, and that doesn't mean you have to have every secretary or every legal research assistant, but the basic staff that is necessary.

Delegate Mason still has the floor.

MS. H. MASON: May I reserve the right to bring this back?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Sure; you don't even need to reserve that.

MS. H. MASON: Thank you.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Moore, delegate Marcus, delegate Maguire.

MR. MARCUS: I have a question to the issue that delegate Mason opened with regard to hiring.

MR. B. MOORE: So do I.

MR. MARCUS: I'm sorry.

MR. B. MOORE: Mr. President, on the issue of hiring, I think it's important that maybe one of the first public actions that we take would be to advertise the positions that we have available, and that might be one of the first items to release to at least the local newspapers in the communities.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I'll give you my personal reaction to that. Time is short. If you're going to advertise, first of all that means you've got to have money that we don't have yet. It means you've got to wait for responses. I think we need to move more expeditiously than that.

Delegate Marcus?

MR. MARCUS: As we're to understand it now, the process is that should we run across people who are interested in positions with the convention, we should simply forward their resumes to the President or any one of the officers?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Yes, immediately.

MR. MARCUS: Or have them forward it to you.

MS. LOCKRIDGE: Is there a cut-off date as to the

— submission of these resumes, Mr. President? I'm sorry; I wasn't recognized.

MR. MARCUS: Good question.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: We could establish that, yes; we could establish that. I assume that most people have somebody in mind, or have some resumes. If we're going to establish a cut-off date, and we'd like at least a week to consider them and to hire them, I would make it very, very early, like Monday.

MS. LOCKRIDGE: I guess what I'm asking is that there be a date set aside for the cut-off date.

MR. KAMENY: The day we hire them.

MR. MARCUS: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Hold it now. If we're going to have to consider people, we need some time. I wouldn't want to be getting them on Thursday. Delegate Schrag has suggested 5:00 p.m. on Monday; that seems like a good time to me, and the Chair will so request.

Delegate Maguire?

MS. MAGUIRE: I just wanted to ask when and where the Executive Committee was meeting on Monday so that if we have resumes, they can be delivered there.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: We haven't decided.

MS. MAGUIRE: Well, where will we send the resumes?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Call the office here, and the office we have here has a phone number, 727-2414, and we should know by Monday.

MR. KAMENY: Presumably, it's going to be at our offices.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Well, there may be some place that's more convenient, you know.

Delegate Simmons?

MS. SIMMONS: I was raising a question --

MS. JONES: Whose office is this?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Excuse me; let me respond to this question.

That is the office at 10th and E, Building 17, the headquarters of the convention.

Delegate Jordan?

MR. JORDAN: Mr. President, in all of this discussion about hiring staff, I haven't heard anyone say that we are hiring only residents of the District of Columbia. So, I just wanted to inquire of the Chair as to whether or not that is going to be one of the criteria for hiring staff, that they must be residents of the District of Columbia. I don't want to consider anybody who lives outside the city for the staff.

MR. KAMENY: I so move, if a motion is in order.

(The motion was duly seconded.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: That isn't necessary. The monies that we'll be using are appropriated funds, and we'll follow the rules of District of Columbia law.

MR. JORDAN: Hold it. First, that bill says they have six months to move into the city, if that's what you're talking about. Appropriated funds don't have anything to do --

MS. PARAMORE: Make a motion.

MR. JORDAN: I want to make a motion.

MR. KAMENY: Move it.

MR. JORDAN: I move that only residents of the District of Columbia be hired as staff persons for the constitutional convention.

(The motion was duly seconded.)

MS. SIMMONS: May I beg the maker of the motion to use the word "considered," because as soon as you see the address, you ought to be able to pitch it out? I don't want us to even consider them.

MR. JORDAN: Yes.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Is there discussion?

MR. B. MOORE: Mr. President, I'd like to make an

amendment to the motion, and that is if we do not advertise these positions, we really open ourselves up to criticism later on.

MS. SIMMONS: How can you advertise for a part-time job for 90 days?

MR. B. MOORE: I withdraw my amendment.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay. Corn?

MS. CORN: I'd like to make an amendment to delegate Jordan's motion, and that is that they be registered voters.

MR. KAMENY: No, no, no.

MS. CORN: That way, somebody cannot just say, "Well, I'm living with a friend, and therefore I'm a resident," and put down a friend's address, when they also happen to live with their parents out in Silver Spring or somewhere else.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Is there a second to that motion?

MS. CORN: If you are a resident, you are registered to vote here.

MR. KAMENY: No, you're not.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Is there a second to that motion?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The motion dies for the lack of a second.

Bruning?

MR. BRUNING: I have to totally agree with the idea of keeping D. C. money in D. C. I personally have worked for D. C. agencies and am appalled at the number of people that live out in Maryland and Virginia and are essentially taking D. C. tax money.

My question, I guess, to Mr. Jordan is, would staff include legal research people? The reason I raise that is we'll be using a number of law students whose legal residence may be somewhere other than the District.

MR. JORDAN: Well, are they domiciled in the city? I'm sure we can find law students who also are District residents.

MR. BRUNING: Yes, of course.

MR. JORDAN: My point is, if we can have a slogan, "Washington for Washingtonians," that's the spirit of my motion. In terms of those legal researchers, they should be residents of the District. Now, if they live someplace else, we just have to go and try and find some others.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Is there any further discussion on the motion? Rothschild?

MR. ROTHSCHILD: I would like to propose an amendment, and that is that we do advertise for the positions. Whether or not, legally, we're bound to do it, I think it's --

MR. KAMENY: There's no time.

MR. ROTHSCHILD: There is time; you can get it on by Monday. I don't think word-of-mouth is the best way to hire people. I think it should be out before the public that we are beginning this process, and people who are interested can know about it.

So, I would like to make a motion to amend the main motion that we do advertise.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Is there a second to that motion?

(The motion was duly seconded.)

MS. SIMMONS: Mr. President, I would make an amendment to the motion that we appeal to our good, constant and faithful Post attendee to include it in a story, and then we wouldn't have to pay for it.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Is there discussion on that motion?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: All in favor, signify by saying aye.

(A chorus of "ayes.")

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Those opposed?

(There was one "nay.")

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Abstentions?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay, the main motion is on the floor.

MR. KAMENY: Call the question.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The question has been called. He had asked for the floor before you called it.

Yes, Cooper?

MR. COOPER: My only question about the motion is that we did have a pre-convention committee on personnel. Did they develop any job descriptions for all of these positions that we're looking to hire?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I don't think that's germane to the question.

MR. COOPER: But he's saying if we advertise these positions --

PRESIDENT CASSELL: No, no; the amendment died.

MR. COOPER: No; I'm talking about Rothschild's amendment.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: That died, too.

MR. KAMENY: We're on the main motion.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The question has been called.

— All those in favor of cutting off debate --

MR. ROTHSCHILD: Wait a minute. What amendment died here?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Your amendment.

MS. SIMMONS: My amendment passed.

MR. KAMENY: We referred it to the Washington Post.

MR. ROTHSCHILD: Is that all right with you?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: It doesn't matter. You're out of order. The gentleman to whom you refer is not a part of this convention.

MR. ROTHSCHILD: If the Post isn't agreeable to that, it's a ridiculous amendment.

MS. SIMMONS: No, no; there's nothing wrong with the amendment.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Simmons and delegate Rothschild, you're both out of order.

All those in favor, signify by --

MR. ROTHSCHILD: Point of order.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I rule you out of order.

MR. ROTHSCHILD: Point of order.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Sit down, will you, please?

MR. ROTHSCHILD: No.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I do not recognize you.

MR. ROTHSCCHILD: Point of order.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Sit down.

MR. ROTHSCCHILD: Point of order.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: All in favor of delegate Jordan's motion, signify by saying aye.

(A chorus of "ayes.")

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Those opposed?

(No response.)

MR. ROTHSCCHILD: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Abstentions?

(No response.)

MR. ROTHSCCHILD: Mr. President, we did not have two people speak for and against what Ms. Simmons brought up. We have not had an inquiry here to the gentleman who represents the Post.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I rule you out of order, sir. I ask you to sit down.

MR. ROTHSCCHILD: We did not have two people speak for and against.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Mr. President, I move that we adjourn this meeting until such time as we have previously stated, being Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for certain committee

meetings, and Saturday for a plenary session.

(The motion was duly seconded.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Robinson, before you made that motion, I had indicated earlier that there would be a period for new business. Those people have been waiting, expecting that they would have an opportunity. I would respectfully beg that you hold that.

MR. ROBINSON: Then may I ask that the Chair recognize me after he has recognized all the previous speakers?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Yes, I will.

MR. ROBINSON: Thank you.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Mason, new business?

MR. B. MOORE: Point of parliamentary procedure.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Point of parliamentary procedure?

MR. B. MOORE: Yes. I just would like a clarification that the President, then, does have the authority not to recognize a delegate who does raise a point of order.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The President has decided that that delegate was out of order. There is a way of dealing with that. It was not dealt with in that way.

Delegate Mason?

MS. H. MASON: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the delegation. The last point that I reserved permission

to bring up is a reinforcement of the problem that we're facing.

If we start committee meetings to start writing the constitution, we have to be sure that that is or is not interpreted as the beginning of the constitutional 90-day period. And I urge you, Mr. President, to check that out and to make sure that when we start writing the constitution as committees, we are clearly within the law, and therefore people can start getting paid, and so forth, and then that time starts counting the 90 days. Thank you.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Thank you.

Delegate Kameny, delegate Street, and delegate Schrag.

MR. KAMENY: Ms. Mason's point --

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Let me say this now: these are three persons, and that's the end of the new business.

MR. KAMENY: Ms. Mason's point might very well be constructively addressed by designating the committee meetings next week as committee organizational meetings, and I think that would presumably cover it legally.

MS. H. MASON: But it won't cover it into the next week, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: It is our hope that we'll be

prepared to begin then, and I will so announce that the organizational processes are over and that the convention is in order.

Delegate Street?

MS. STREET: Mr. Chairman, delegate Kameny preempted me. I was going to say that we designate the committee meetings as organizational meetings of the committees, and we are within the law.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: We can do that by common consent.

MS. STREET: By common consent.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Schrag?

MR. SCHRAG: Pass.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Simmons, and that's the last.

MS. SIMMONS: I just wanted to suggest to the President and his Executive Committee that one of the ways we can get the information out that Mr. Rothschild -- I think that by now, there are enough significant accomplishments within this body that maybe the Chair ought to call a press conference. In your press conference, you can announce that you are also accepting resumes for those staffing patterns of the convention.

You can certainly give a report to the public,

— charged by this body, to share certain information that is consummated at this point in time.

(The motion was duly seconded.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Very good.

I will entertain a motion to adjourn, delegate Robinson.

MR. ROBINSON: Mr. Chairman, I move that this body adjourn until such time as we have preestablished.

(The motion was duly seconded.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: All in favor, signify by saying aye.

(A chorus of "ayes.")

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Opposed?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: We stand adjourned.

(Whereupon, at 3:46 p.m., the Convention was adjourned.)